## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

This IDS is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 CFR. §1.97-1.98 and includes the following:					
$\boxtimes$	A listing of the references on PTO-1449.				
	A copy of all <b>non-US</b> references which are listed on the PTO-1449 (US refs not required).				
	A copy of a corresponding foreign <b>Search Report</b> which explains the relevance of the references noted therein.				
$\boxtimes$	The relevance of the listed references is also noted in the Background section of the specification. It will also be appreciated that equivalent US 5,539,650 has been substituted for EP 0573912 (in German).				
	Please note the following particulars concerning the filing of this IDS:				
	<ol> <li>This IDS is filed at whichever is the latest of:         <ul> <li>within three months of the filing date of a NATIONAL APPLICATION other than a CPA, or</li> <li>within three months of the date of entry into the NATIONAL STAGE as set forth in 37 CFR. §1.491 in an international application, or</li> <li>before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or</li> <li>before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of an RCE.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>				
	<ul> <li>2. This IDS is filed after a first Office Action, but before a Final Action, Allowance, or any other action which closes prosecution, and:</li> <li>A. Is accompanied by a payment in the amount of \$180.00 required by 37 CFR. §1.17(p).</li> </ul>				
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	4. This IDS does not comply with 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, and is being filed for placement in the file pursuant to 37 CFR. §1.97(i).					
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